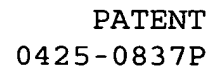


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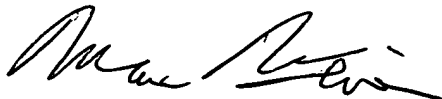
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Respectfully submitted,

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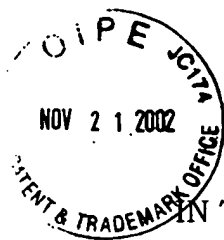
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November 21, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 23, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AI --The present invention provides a diffusion promoting device provided just before a separation column and having a function of improving detection sensitivity, in a low flow velocity high performance liquid chromatographic apparatus.--

Please replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph: